



OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY JUDGE ¹³
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BRITISH ARMY OF THE RHINE.
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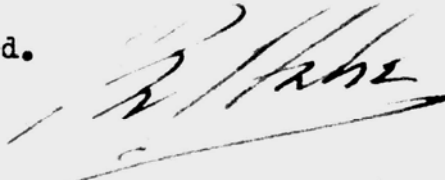
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Penal Branch,
Legal Division,
Zonal Executive Offices,
65 HQ CCG,
HERFORD, BAOR, 15.

Military Court (War Crimes) Trial
BELSEN Trial
Otto KULESSA

1. The attached petition is returned.
2. A special provision is made in the Regulations under which the trial was conducted for a petition by the accused to the confirming authority, which must be submitted within 14 days of the termination of the proceedings in court. The Regulations further prescribe that the accused shall have no right to submit any petition otherwise. In these circumstances it is regretted that no steps can be taken to reconsider the sentence upon such representations as those under reply.
3. A review of the sentence in this case will, it is anticipated be undertaken at a later date when all relevant factors affecting the sentence, including those brought to notice by the applicant, will be taken into consideration. For this reason the English translation of the appeal has been retained.
4. The petitioner should be so informed.

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Brigadier,
(R.C. HALSE),
DJAG.